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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Foreign Documents Division/OC

SUBJECT: FDD Report Review of Communist Theoretical Journals

1. SRS welcomes the inauguration of this report and believes it will provide a useful service to students of International Communism and Bloc affairs.
2. As we are sure FDD is aware, the preparation of a review of this sort presents a formidable challenge to the responsible office. In view of the number and variety of Communist theoretical publications, the choice of items for translation has to be made with great care in order to obtain a balanced and representative survey. Accuracy and objectivity on the part of translators and analysts are highly important to establish reader confidence in the report.
3. Since the volume is so great and a rigorous selection must be made, we would suggest that routine propaganda pieces ordinarily be omitted in favor of what seem to be the more important theoretical articles. Also, we think it may not be necessary to quote or comment extensively on the articles in the World Marxist Review, although some references to them may be appropriate in order to indicate trends or changes in the current line. We would recommend the inclusion of more Chinese material than the draft report has, even at the expense of publications from the Free World parties.
4. Again, we commend FDD's initiative in starting the review and offer any assistance we may be able to give in regard to selection or interpretation of items.

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